

Proposed Topics for Meeting 3
July 27-29, 2004
San Francisco, California

1. Review Product from Subcommittee on Existing Knowledge
 - What is agreed upon as “known?”
 - What are the major uncertainties?
 - What are the major disagreements?
2. Committee discussion of how to address uncertainties and disagreements
 - What are the criteria for prioritizing research on acoustic impacts on marine mammals?
 - What are the priorities for research on acoustic impacts on marine mammals?
3. Management and Mitigation Issues (continued from April meeting)
 - How do we manage risks in light of uncertainty? How do we find common ground on what constitutes an acceptable level of risk?
 - What are the mitigation options for various anthropogenic sound sources (the “tools in the toolbox”)?
 - How do we evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation options (cost, scientific validity, precautionary approach, etc.)? What can we agree upon?
4. Identify barriers to scientific and regulatory efforts, and develop recommendations for addressing them
 - Administration and coordination of research funding
 - Funding availability and research prioritization
 - Availability of researchers to conduct research
 - Information sharing
 - Regulatory issues re: U.S. marine mammal research permits
 - Ethical treatment/animal welfare issues
 - International coordination
 - Others?